

Upton	Waters	Wilson (OH)
Van Hollen	Watson	Wilson (SC)
Velázquez	Watt	Wittman
Visclosky	Waxman	Wolf
Walden	Weiner	Woolsey
Walz	Welch	Yarmuth
Wamp	Westmoreland	Young (AK)
Wasserman	Wexler	Young (FL)
Schultz	Whitfield	

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Baird	Hastings (FL)	Shuster
Barrett (SC)	Herger	Speier
Eshoo	Hoyer	Tsongas
Farr	King (IA)	Wu
Gohmert	Radanovich	
Hall (TX)	Rogers (MI)	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LUJÁN) (during the vote). Two minutes are remaining in this vote.

□ 1358

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I rise today calling for a cure for this terrible disease. Although breast cancer impacts both genders, it disproportionately targets women and even more disproportionately impacts African American and Hispanic women. It is the second leading cause of death among women.

Breast cancer is survivable if caught and treated early. Unfortunately, we all know someone who has had breast cancer, and its impact is devastating on families, on friends, and on entire communities. I have had both the honor and sorrow of knowing many breast cancer survivors and its victims. I am in awe of the women who not only survive this cancer, but use their awareness to spread awareness of breast cancer prevention. We must all work together to bring about greater breast cancer education, prevention, diagnosis and treatment, and most importantly, a cure.

Mr. Speaker, let's tell our mothers and sisters: Get tested; you can survive breast cancer.

□ 1400

HEALTH CARE TAX HIKES WILL HURT SMALL BUSINESS

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, some of the most harmful components of the Democrats' proposed government takeover of health care are the heavy mandates and taxes placed on business. Under the Democrat bill, small businesses are re-

quired to offer government-approved insurance or pay an 8 percent tax on their entire payroll. This is the mother of all mandates. Its effect will be wide-ranging job losses and devastation to small businesses. Small businesses cannot handle \$800 billion in new taxes to pay for a government takeover of health care.

Small business people are not going to take this lying down. Groups like the Chamber of Commerce, that understand the needs of business best, have been working hard to illustrate just how harmful the Democrat proposals will be to small businesses and communities across the country.

Mr. Speaker, we need to tackle health care reform in a constructive way that does not destroy the small business people who make our economy work.

IT'S TIME FOR DEMOCRATS TO SCRAP THEIR HEALTH CARE REFORM PLAN AND WORK WITH REPUBLICANS

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, a majority of Americans have had enough with the idea of the government taking over their health care. Americans love freedom and deserve the freedom to choose the health plan that is best for their family.

This week, in the great State of Kansas, a coalition of State leaders has unveiled the Health Care Freedom Amendment that reserves the right for Kansans to manage their own health care options. As Kansans, we don't want Washington bureaucrats getting in the middle of medical decisions that should be made by patients and their doctors. We believe Kansans and the American people deserve better. That is why I am pleased to be a cosponsor of the Empowering Patients First Act that allows Americans who like their health care coverage the freedom to keep it, and gives Americans the opportunity to choose the health plan that best meets their needs.

Our bill also ensures medical decisions are made by patients and their physicians and improves Americans' lives through effective prevention, wellness and disease management programs. This is the only bill that won't dampen the development of new treatments that cure life-threatening diseases.

It's time for the Democrats to scrap their current plan, stop the backroom dealing, and start working with Republicans on real health care reform that ensures all Americans have the right to manage their health care options.

WITHOUT FOX NEWS, YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE HEARD . . .

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the White House plays favorites with the media. They attack one cable news network for telling the truth and reward another for giving the President a free pass.

The White House recently said Fox News won't get equal access to administration officials. Just days later, the President invited liberal news hosts from rival network MSNBC to the White House for a private, off-the-record meeting. The reason for the double standard is that while MSNBC acts as a shill for the President, Fox reports the stories that the national media ignore.

For example, without Fox News, you might not have heard about the recent ACORN scandal. You might not have heard about the troubling political associations of the President's former green jobs czar, which eventually led to his resignation. And you might not have heard that the President's communications director said Chairman Mao is one of her favorite political philosophers.

The White House should treat all news organizations with professionalism, not just the ones that give them a free pass.

AMERICAN PLAN VS. DEMOCRAT PLAN

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, on health care reform, we hear too much about Democrats versus Republicans. I would like to talk about the American plan versus the Democratic plan.

The American plan stands for transparency; the Democratic plan, secret agreements behind closed doors. The American plan: True, free competition; the Democratic plan: Government-controlled health care. The American plan: Medicare Advantage; the Democratic plan: Massive cuts in Medicare. The American plan: The primacy of the doctor-patient relationship; the Democratic plan: Government-determined courses of treatment.

In other words, the American plan stands for freedom. Unfortunately, the Democratic plan stands for government-imposed conformity.

We should listen to what the American people say, that's the American plan. Ignoring what the American people are saying is the Democrat plan.

ROBUST PUBLIC OPTION IS THE BEST OPTION

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak in favor of the robust